## Axecutive Aroclamation State of South Dakota

## Office Of The Governor

"Upon this rock | will build my church and the gates of hades shall not prevail against it!" --Matthew 16:18

WHEREAS, The Catholic Family of Flandreau celebrated its first Mass in a frame church in June, 1882; and,

WHEREAS, Although this was the first gathering in their own church building, the faithful followers in Flandreau were a unified and growing group which had been meeting in homes and other meeting places since the 1870's; and,

WHEREAS, The first resident priest was Father M. Quinlan, who served the Church between 1885 and 1886; and,

WHEREAS, These early Catholic settlers were a close-knit group whose profound influences on South Dakota life and history can still be felt today; and,

WHEREAS, Throughout the last one hundred years, sharing the message of God's love has been the cohesive strength and unifying fource of Ss. Simon and Jude; and,

WHEREAS, The devotion of this fine Church's following has grown in depth and loving understanding throughout the first century of its faithful commitment; and,

WHEREAS, Today, Ss. Simon and Jude Catholic Church stands as a beacon of truth and grace for the people of Flandreau and for those who share in the message of God's love everyday:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of Souin Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 27, 1982, as

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in South Dakota, and I join with the members and friends of the Church in celebrating a sacred century of service.

ATTEST

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixteenth Day of June, in the Year ot Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Two

WILLIAM J. LANKEON, GOVERNOR

ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE